

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5810  
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON  
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AMEMBASSY LUSAKA  
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, WA

SUBJ: NAMIBIA: BASES FOR INTERIM GOVERNMENT ALMOST  
COMPLETED

REF: CAPE TOWN 328, PRETORIA 1116, PRETORIA 1029,  
CAPE TOWN 164, CAPE TOWN 165

1. PRESS REPORTS MARCH 10 THAT CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE  
HAS FINISHED ITS WORK ON BASES FOR INTERIM GOVERNMENT.(  
FINAL MAJOR ISSUE WAS WHETHER OR NOT TO HAVE PRIME MINISTER.  
CONSERVATIVE PRESSURE WON THE DAY AND INSTEAD OF PRIME  
MINISTER, THERE WILL BE CHAIRMAN OR LEADER OF THE COUNCIL  
OF MINISTERS. HE WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY, BY CONSENSUS, BUT WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO A  
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NOTE. HOWEVER, CONSERVATIVES' DESIRE THAT CHAIRMAN BE ON  
ROTATION BASIS WAS REJECTED. PRESS SPECULATES THAT  
DIRK MUDGE WILL BE CHAIRMAN FOR INTERIM GOVERNMENT PERIOD.

2. DFA SOURCE IN PRETORIA STATES THAT THE FULL TURNHALLE  
HAS BEEN CONSIDERING THE DRAFTS PREPARED BY THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE AS THEY EMERGED FROM COMMITTEE

AND WILL PROBABLY FINISH ITS DELIBERATIONS BY MARCH 15.

3. PRESS QUOTES UNNAMED SWAPO PRESS SPOKESMAN AS REJECTING  
THE WORK OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE AS A "BANTUSTAN  
POLICY IN THIN DISGUISE."  
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